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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY
SEA BOUNDARY

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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1. WHILE DPRK ANNOUNCEMENT IS OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE,
WE AGREE WITH YOUR ANALYSIS THAT PYONGYANG SEEKS NO DIRECT
CONFRONTATION BY THIS ACTION . IN RESPONSE, OUR ACTIONS
SHOULD QUIETLY REAFFIRM OUR RIGHTS UNDER ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL LAW WITHOUT UNDULY CALLING

ATTENTION TO DPRK ANNOUNCEMENT OR TREATING IT AS A CHANGE
IN STATUS QUO.

2. CIVILIAN FERRY RESUPPLY OF NORTHWEST ISLANDS
SCHEDULED FOR 0600 AUGUST 2 SHOULD PROCEED NORMALLY WITH-
OUT ANY VISIBLE SIGN EITHER OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR
HESITATION. REITERATION TO ROK NAVAL FORCES OF RULES OF
ENGAGEMENT WAS IMPORTANT PRECAUTION. WHILE AVAILABILITY OF
ADDITIONAL PROTECTION DURING RESUPPLY OPERATION IS
ESSENTIAL, THIS SHOULD BE DONE QUIETLY AND WITHOUT SPECIAL
COMMENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. WE ARE PREPARING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE ON IF ASKED
BASIS AT STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN'S NOON BRIEFING TUESDAY,
AUGUST 3. WE WILL MAKE NO COMMENT TODAY.

4. ON IF ASKED BASIS, UNC MAY MAKE LOW-KEY STATEMENT
ALONG LINES OF YOUR PROPOSAL IN PARA 4(A) OF REFTEL A
BUT WE WOULD PREFER WASHINGTON COMMENT BE MADE FIRST
IF FEASIBLE FOR YOU TO HOLD OFF UNTIL AUGUST 3 THERE.

5. WHETHER OR NOT UNC STATEMENT MADE, SIMILAR MESSAGE
SHOULD BE PASSED THROUGH JDO AT PANMUNJOM TO THE DPRK.
HOWEVER, IN SO DOING, OUR EMPHASIS SHOULD SIMPLY BE ON
DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL ACROSS THE BOARD INCLUDING
USUAL MILITARY OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND
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AIRSPACE WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NORTHWEST
ISLANDS. ESPECIALLY SINCE DPRK ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT
SINGLE OUT ISLANDS FOR PARTICULAR NOTICE, BELIEVE WE
SHOULD NOT RPT NOT CALL ATTENTION TO THEM OR TO ANY IDEA
THAT WE THINK THE LATEST DPRK EDICT AFFECTS THEM.

6. REPORT IMMEDIATELY WHETHER ANY UNUSUAL SITUATION
ENCOUNTERED BY ROK DURING AUGUST 2 RESUPPLY OPERATION. CHRISTOPHER

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